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NON AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether sponge iron industries in Chhattisgarh are facing acute crisis due to non-availability of raw material;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of raw material;

(c) whether there is a shortfall in the production of National Mineral Development Corporation's enterprise located in District Dantewala;

(d) if so, the annual average production of iron ore from the said enterprise, during each of the last three years;

(e) whether iron ore is also supplied to the local industries out of the said production; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATEI N THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) There is no report of sponge iron industries in Chhattisgarh facing acute crisis due to non-availability of raw material, particularly iron ore.

(b) Does not arise in view of above.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Annual production from Bailadila mines is as following:

(Qty. in million tonne)

Year	MoU(Excellent Target)	Actual Production
2004-05	15.30	15.61
2005-06	16.60	17.42
2006-07	18.15	20.45

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. The year-wise quantities offered to and the quantity lifted by Chattisgarh based Sponge Iron Manufacturers during last three years from Bailadila mines is as following:

(Qty. in lakh tonne)

Year	Allocated by NMDC	Lifted by Chhattisgarh Sponge Iron Manufacturers
2004-05	5.6	1.4
2005-06	12.0	8.5
2006-07	20.0	18.3